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Republicans fail to stop US debt ceiling increase

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Democratic-led Senate yesterday saw off a Republican bid to stop the US debt ceiling being raised, ensuring that the Obama administration has no repeat of last year's borrowing stand off.

The Republican motion was defeated with 52 voting against to 44 in favor, with government debt currently at \$15.194 trillion and set to rise to more than \$16 trillion by the end of 2012.

The vote was a move by Republicans to heap scorn on President Barack Obama, whom they decry as an out-of-control spender and are seeking to oust in November's elections.

The vote defeat effectively ensures that the administration can pay the nation's bills until the end of the year, although Obama and the Republican-led Congress remain deadlocked over meas-

ures to bring down the debt.

Last summer's stand off was seen as an international embarrassment for the United States and was quickly followed by a downgrade of the country's triple A debt rating by Standard and Poor's, amid concerns that the world's top economy could default on its debt.

Congress, during the last round of negotiations with the White House, agreed to raise what at the time was a \$14.3 trillion debt limit by more than \$2 trillion in exchange for equivalent spending cuts in the federal budget.

Under the August deal, the debt ceiling is automatically boosted to avoid a US government default, with Obama requesting the higher debt limit in three separate increments. The current request was his final one.

Official Honoring of Gilberto Francois (Betico) Croes



Island dignitaries



Betico's Grandchildren place the wreath



Vice President of Parliament and Secretary of Parliament place a wreath

Islanders ended a day of festivities with the formal honoring ceremony at the Plaza Betico Croes for the national holiday dedicated to "El Libertador" of Aruba, Gilberto Francois (Betico Croes) on Wednesday, January 25, his birthday. Betico, who died in November of 1986, was instrumental in Aruba attaining Status Aparte, constitutional autonomy within the Dutch Kingdom, independent of the other islands of the Netherlands Antilles.

The formal ceremony began at 5:00 PM with a rendition of Aruba's National An-

them, "Aruba Dushi Terra," by Trio Los Arubeños, and the placing of memorial wreaths from various sectors of the community. Vice-President of the Parliament, Christ Dammers was joined by Secretary of the Parliament Jacqueline Bastien in placing a wreath on behalf of that august body.

Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman shared the honor

with the Council to the Cabinet of Ministers, Nicole Hoevertsz, in the name of the government, followed by Betico's daughters, Glendolyne and Guisette on behalf of the family, with his grandchildren placing the wreath. Evelyn Wever-Croes and Makito Croes placed the last wreath in the name of the Betico Croes Foundation.

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Foundation for Leadership and Excellence honors Aruba's Special Athletes

A new non-profit organization begun at the end of last year, Foundation for Leadership and Excellence, conducted its first community building, awareness event on Monday evening, January 23, at the Occidental Grand Resort in Palm Beach.

The foundation, whose stated purpose is support of the candidacy of incumbent President of Parliament Paul Croes, also cites on its agenda the encouragement of the qualities in its name, leadership and excellence.

"I feel that there are no better example of perseverance and the determination to be your best than Aruba's special athletes," commented Parlia-



Occidental GM, Frasa GM, Paul Croes, Sherryn Ervin, with Netty, Arturo and Karel



Foundation President Sherryn Ervin with Paul and Audrey Wolff of Occidental



mentary President Paul Croes, when explaining his reasons for organizing the special fete for the athletes, board members and coaches of the Special Olympics Committee Aruba. "Despite their challenges they are determined to succeed in a

world arena; they overcome obstacles that make those the rest of us face seem petty, and I think we should all be inspired by their effort and pas-

sion to achieve."

Occidental General Manager Jesus Cardoso echoed Parliamentarian Croes' words in welcoming the athletes and their trainers who represented Aruba in the World Games 2011 in Greece this past June.

Over 7500 athletes from 135 countries competed, and Aruba's tiny delegation returned with 8 gold, 8 silver and 1 bronze medals, won from this latest of 4 medal-winning forays to the World Games in the last 12 years. "I was immediately struck by how appropriate and necessary it was to honor Aruba's special athletes, who have so wonderfully represented us internationally; we should all be proud," commented Mr. Cardoso. He also expressed his gratitude to fellow sponsors of the event, Aruba Trading Company, Elsa's Flowershop, Frasa Trading, Coca Cola and Evention's N.V.

Excellence and Leadership Foundation President Sherryn Ervin was hostess for the evening, and Special Olympics Committee President Arturo Werleman, who is also Director of the Foundation for the Mentally Challenged, with Head of Volunteers Netty Williams, also thanked the sponsors and the foundation for acknowledging the capabilities and accomplishments of those under their supervision. "We very much appreciate your support for Aruba's special people being appreciated by and integrated into our island society; this is very much a part of the motivation of the Special Olympics, aside from promoting physical fitness, it trains them to strive to be the



Athletes dance with Occidental Carnival dance team



Paul Croes with medal winners and Arturo Werleman

best they can be and makes them and the community aware of the extent of their capabilities." The committee not only organizes participation in the World Games every 4 years, but annually conducts a local Special Olympics which has welcomed delegations of athletes from all over the Caribbean, the U.S., and Ire-

land.

The festive evening included a superb meal prepared by the Occidental Grand culinary staff and a rousing performance by the resort's on-staff dance company, with a medley of carnival music inspiring all to celebrate the moment.

by Rosalie Klein

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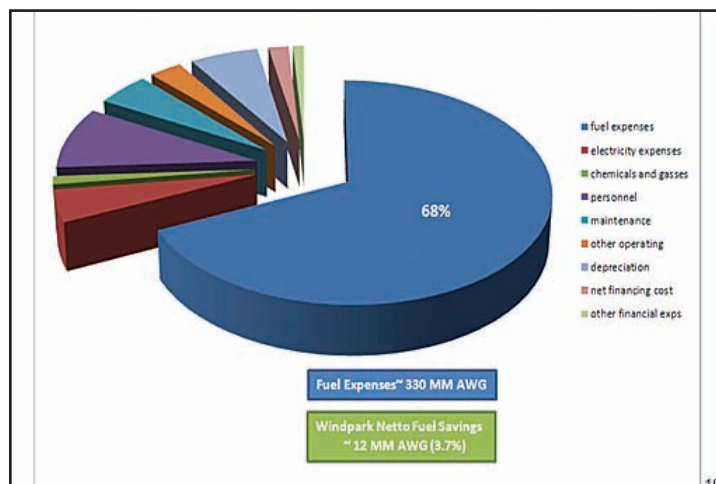
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WEB NV shares 2012 Strategic Plan

According to WEB's Director, Oslin Boekhoudt, in 2011 they continued to invest in different projects in order to increase the efficiency of the production of water and electricity, as a means to reduce their dependence on expensive combustible fuel. Boekhoudt relates that..."our strategy for 2012 on one hand, is to continue our focus on the efficiency of production and operation. This will go hand in hand with our efforts to reduce the impact on the environment. On the other hand, ..."we will focus on helping our clients to reduce the use of water and electricity. Through offering special guidance to our clients we will accomplish this." WEB's director along with his director of the Management Bureau, Luis Oduber, presented a detailed report of



Impact of Cost of fuel of 2011

2011 and a perspective for the new year 2012.

Luis Oduber offered a presentation with a general focus on the production of water and electricity. Last year they began the SWRO II and RE-CEPS III projects which are

planned to be completed by June of this year. As a result of their investment in RECIPS motors, in the course of time, WEB is now able to produce the same amount of energy using much less heavy fuel oil. As to the production of water,

they invested in the SWRO units which resulted in enabling them to produce the customary high quality water while using much less energy.

Oduber also illustrated how the price of Heavy Fuel Oil has evolved over the years. In 2011 the cost of Fuel accounted for 68% of the total expenses of WEB. Hence, it is imperative that WEB continue her efforts to reduce the consumption of heavy fuel oil. In the past six years WEB has succeeded in reducing her dependence on Fuel Oil by about 23%! Regrettably, in that same period of time the price of Fuel Oil skyrocketed to about 150%. Once the projects under construction are completed WEB will again reduce their fuel consumption by 43%. If WEB did not invest in new and more efficient production technol-

ogy which is less fuel dependant, the price of water and electricity would have risen even higher than the price of the past period last year.

In 2012 WEB will continue to battle the increase of fuel oil. In order to reduce dependence on fuel oil, they will continue exploring the possibility for introducing natural gas in the operation of the plants at WEB. The plan to switch over to operating with natural gas is ready and requires a certain amount of investment. They intend to initiate this plan as soon as they are able to formalize a contract with Valero for the delivery of the gas.

Along with the natural gas project they will proceed with the building of a second wind-mill park.

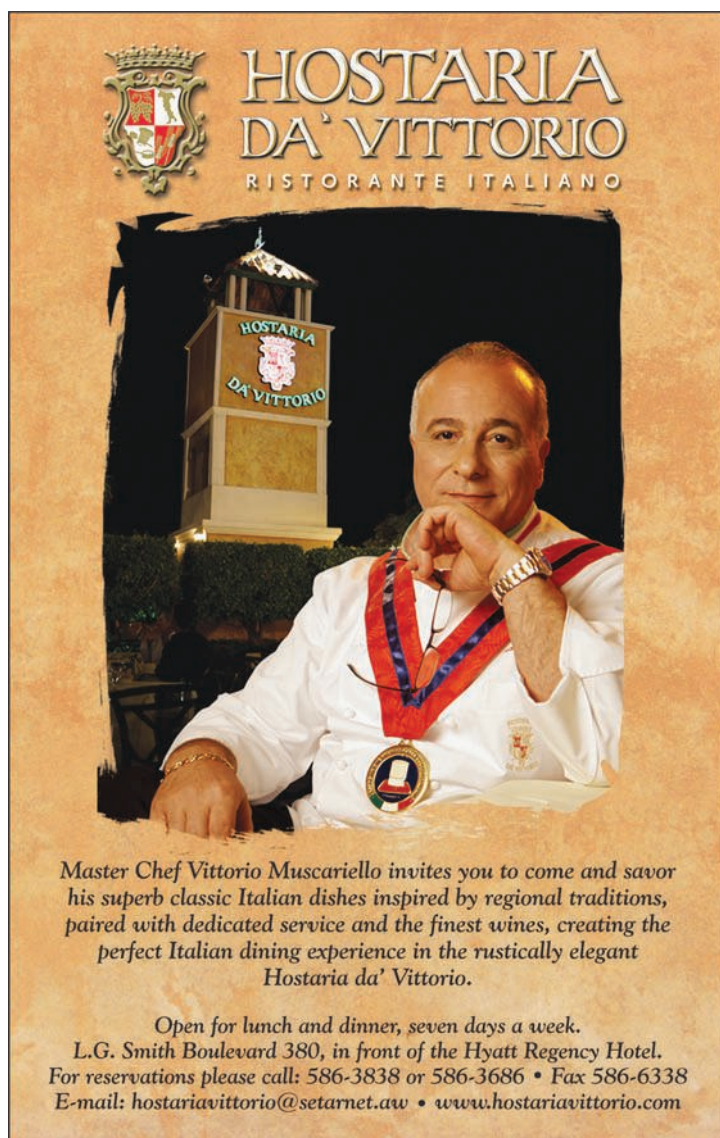
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This project is in its exploration phase as they explore the financial and operational consequences of such a project; as well as explore the effect of such a project on the environment and the health of those around the windmill park.

WEB is also keen on improving their production efficiency and reducing the environmental impact.

They are currently working with the SIWA union on an organizational restructuring program. This will be designed to also include specific reorganization of the departments offering service to clients.

They are also intent on exploring the possibility for an automated water meter reading system. This could result in a much better policy of water distribution by WEB. It will also facilitate the control that each client will have on his own use of water.

WEB will be continuing their campaign together with ELMAR on the popular "Hunto Nos ta Spaar" project, designed to motivate and educate clients on how to save water and electricity in their homes.

WEB's Director, Oslin Boekhoudt, reiterated that: "Our strategy is based on two aspects: as to WEB, we will

make every effort to maintain the price of water and electricity at an acceptable level and to ensure a production with the least possible adverse impact on our environment.

WEB will also continue to advise and stimulate the entire Aruban community to be more conscientious and frugal with the use of water to keep this at a reasonable level.

Official Honoring of Gilberto Francois (Betico) Croes

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As is tradition, the Prime Minister addressed the gathering of island dignitaries and the community, describing Betico Croes as "having sacrificed his life for Aruba to affect a major course in our history. We should all look back at his dedication to a better life for all the people and the community and set that as an example for our own actions and commitment. Aruba was blessed to have a leader of such talent and vision. Let us all be inspired on this day by the many great statesmen of the past and celebrate their memories, as they show us the path we must follow."

The formal ceremony was followed by a festive evening of entertainment in the plaza with the Cultural Festival. Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, addressed the gathering, describing Betico Croes as "The Great Protector" of Aruba's native culture. Aside from being a major political figure, he was devoted to the traditional music of Aruba and started a popular group with his brothers and sisters called "Grupo Betico," which still performs regularly to this day, a number of the members replaced by a younger generation of the family.

Betico was also instrumental in the realization of Aruba having its own flag and national anthem. Aruba is approaching the final celebration of a year-long homage to 35 years of the introduction of those two icons of national spirit as well as 25 years of Status Aparte, with this year's



PM Eman and Nicole Hoevertsz place a wreath on behalf of government



upcoming National Day, March 18.

The 3-hour Cultural Festival featured folkloric dancing from the Masiduri Group, Popcorn Dancers, Joan Becker and Virgilio Angela, Sunrise Dancers, Youth in Action, and Jenni Ve Dancers. Patriotic and sentimental vocal performances were by Aileen Croes, Bertha Wolff, Sharon



Rose and Jaderick Croes singing "Aruba is Ours."

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I Love My Body a Farce, Fiction or Fact?

Lately from every corner of the island the slogan can be seen, worn on T-shirts by young and old...I Love My Body. Actually, the slogan was born last year and created quite an impact particularly among the youth. It took on special meaning during the Carnival activities.

Reportedly, the slogan was created with the objective of spreading the message that young people in particular should guard against "giving away" their bodies in meaningless sexual encounters. The message was, and still is, your body should not be an object to be exploited by anyone, that you should keep your body chaste and pure for that right person only.

No doubt this is a very noble message and worthy of acceptance. However, there is something very confusing, perhaps even ironic about the message coming from the very people who have and are 'preaching' the I Love My Body concept. You would think that those propagating this salient message would reflect the I Love My Body concept in every aspect of their deportment and conduct...that they would dress accordingly and display the corresponding behavior.

Instead, what we see today is a far cry from this powerful message. It is rather difficult to believe that young people and older women half dressed with their breasts almost bare and belly button in full view, truly

love their body! I know, they say, that is the style today; it is the modern style of dressing. That may be so, but it is a fact that those who truly love their bodies, regardless of the style, don't go around flaunting their body to everyone. That sort of deportment only invites disrespect from the opposite sex and the temptation for unintended sexual encounters! If you truly love your body, then you will cover it up and appear decently clad in public. You can certainly be in style without baring your assets!

Saying "I Love My Body" or wearing a T-Shirt with that message ought to be reflected in what you wear and in how you wear it! If you dress like a less than decent person with a T-Shirt saying you love your body, you become a liar and look like a stupid person who is just following the crowd blindly. People today, young and older, need to stop kidding themselves and stop following the crowd and be yourself...get a life and demand the respect you deserve...truly Love Your Body, it is worth so very much!

God gave you a beautiful body to be respected, cherished, admired and revered. But baring your body in public was never God's idea of respect. When you bare your body in public it makes it cheap and ugly...it loses its glory and honor!

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Aruba.Com soon to unveil new look

ORANJESTAD -- In today's digital World it is imperative that you keep up to date with the new technology and innovations rapidly flooding the market. This is especially true with building and managing websites. The Aruba.Com web page was designed back in 2009. During the years it has been adapted and adjusted making it one of the best in the Caribbean with respect to website destinations. Aruba.Com receives more than 300,000 visits per month. Last year Aruba.Com received the Caribbean Tourism Web Award in the category of 'Tourist Board' of Travel Mole. Travel Mole is the online community for the travel industry and tourism.

The experience and flexibility of finding information at Aruba.Com and the content on its pages is one very important aspect in addition to its splendid page designs. The actual Aruba.com website was designed with the objective of having content to include visu-

als of photos and videos. Aruba.Com has various objectives:

1. The web page must attract tourists to the island and must contribute significantly to the amount of reservations to Aruba.

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3. Aruba.Com must receive a high count of visitors to its pages, and at the same time it must rank high in other areas of importance.

Aruba.Com is poised for receiving a brand new face in the near future. The digital team of the Aruba Tourism Authority is working diligently to optimize and make the web experience of each visitor even more pleasant. One of the purposes of the changes of the Aruba.Com website is to incorporate social elements such

as Face Book, videos and ways to share information easily. They want visitors to be able to communicate and maintain constant dialogue with Aruba.

Aruba.Com will offer lots of information, but at the same time they want to offer visitors the opportunity to share opinions and experiences with us. In the same vein, Aruba.Com will offer the business community various interesting options to promote their services and products to tourists. Aruba Tourism Authority is investing millions in a publicity campaign to attract tourists to Aruba.Com.

Businesses that want to benefit from this traffic can place advertisements on different web pages of Aruba.Com to promote their products or services to millions of potential buyers. They will be integrating social media into the process which has become a must in today's information era. Be on the look out for Aruba.Com's expertly revised website!

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nigeria's Boko Haram 'leader' issues new threats

KANO (AFP) - The purported leader of Nigerian Islamist group Boko Haram has issued new threats in a message posted on YouTube and said last week's attacks in Kano were over the torture of its members.

"We were responsible," a voice identified as that of suspected Boko Haram leader

Abubakar Shekau says in audio played over a picture of him. "I ordered it and I will give that order again and again. God gave us victory."

A purported spokesman for the group had earlier claimed responsibility for coordinated bombings and shootings on January 20 in Kano which left

at least 185 people dead. Police stations were the main targets.

The authenticity of the message could not be independently verified, but the photo matched up with previous ones said to be of Shekau and the voice was similar to earlier recordings.



TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras : U.S. Nobel Peace Prize 1997, Jody Williams, answers questions during a press conference in Tegucigalpa, on January 26, 2012. Williams leads a group investigating the murder of women in Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico. (AFP PHOTO)

Pentagon proposes cuts in budget, Army size

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon yesterday proposed trimming the number of Army troops by 13 percent as the debt-ridden United States winds down a decade of war but vowed renewed investment to exert power in Asia and the Middle East.

With pressure mounting to balance the US books, President Barack Obama's administration sought a nine percent cut in the 2013 budget compared with last year's request by retiring older ships and planes and pulling back two brigades from Europe.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, offering a budget request preview, said he was seeking to reduce the number

of active US Army soldiers from 570,000 in 2010 to 490,000 by 2017. The Marines would be cut from 202,000 to 182,000.

Panetta proposed a \$613 billion budget for the year starting in October -- a \$525 billion base spending plan and \$88.4 billion for combat operations, primarily in Afghanistan. The total request was \$671 billion in the current year.

Panetta vowed to maintain US power in the Middle East and Asia -- where China's growing military has concerned the United States and its allies -- including by modernizing submarines and funding a next-generation bomber.

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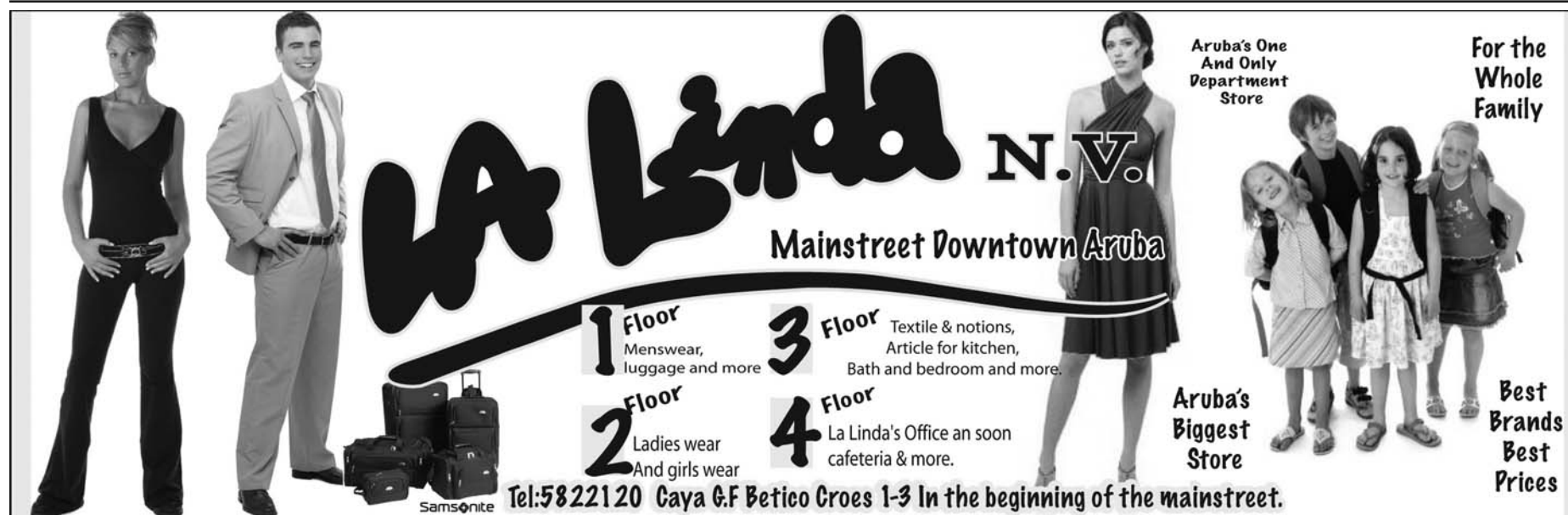
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dutch women reimbursed for breast implant removals

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch women wanting to replace potentially defective breast implants made by now-defunct French company PIP will be paid back in full, the Dutch health insurance federation said yesterday.

"The removal of PIP breast implants and replacing them with new implants will be reimbursed in full," the umbrella-body Dutch Health Insurers (ZN) said in a statement issued on its website.

"Health insurers will pay in full regardless of whether implants were done for medical or cosmetic reasons," it said, adding that women who received the sub-standard implants should "not be duped into having to pay".

Dutch health authorities on January 11 recommended the removal of breast implants made by PIP, which affects

around 1,000 women in the Netherlands.

Initially, the Dutch health authority recommended only that women with PIP implants should see their doctors, but changed its stance after confusion over the issue.

PIP implants have been banned in the Netherlands since early 2010.

French police yesterday arrested PIP's founder Jean-Claude Mas as part of a manslaughter probe.

More than 400,000 women around the world are believed to have received implants made by Poly Implant Prothese (PIP), which was shut down in 2010 after it was revealed to have been using industrial-grade silicone gel that caused abnormally high rupture rates and sparked a global health scare.

Hungarian police probe Costa Concordia scam

BUDAPEST (AFP) - Hungarian police said yesterday they were investigating a false missing person's claim made in an attempt to win damages following Italy's Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster.

"Budapest police have

launched an enquiry into attempted fraud," a statement said, adding that no one had been arrested so far.

The scam was uncovered by Peter Ronai, a US lawyer of Hungarian origin, who was contacted by a woman who claimed her daughter and granddaughter had gone missing in the January 13 disaster off the coast of Tuscany.

"There was a lot of shaking and crying," Ronai told AFP after meeting the woman. "But her third or fourth question was about money."

He said he then suspected fraud and went to the police.

"I have been handling such accident cases for the last 20 years and not once have (relatives) asked about money," said the lawyer, who represents six other Hungarian Costa

Five dead, 16 missing in Rio high-rises collapse

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Rescue teams frantically dug through rubble yesterday for 16 people missing after three office buildings collapsed in the historic heart of Rio, killing at least five people and injuring six, officials said.

The collapse, apparently caused by structural problems, occurred late Wednesday near the municipal theater on the city's Cinelandia square, in a historic district bustling by day but nearly deserted at night.

Civil defense official Marcio Mota told AFP that two new bodies were located in the debris, bringing the known death toll to five.

"Our priority is to retrieve the bodies as well as possible survivors, even though that appears unlikely," Mota said.

Officials in Brazil's second largest city said six people were hurt, including a woman who sustained head injuries and required surgery.

This latest mishap raised fresh questions about the state

of Brazil's infrastructure as Latin America's dominant economic power prepares to host the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Summer Olympics.

The country has had its share of disasters in recent months, including explosions caused by gas leaks, fatal accidents in poorly maintained amusement parks or in packed streetcars with faulty breaks.

Witnesses of the collapse reported hearing an explosion and described scenes reminiscent of September 11, 2001, with walls of dust and debris.

Rio Mayor Eduardo Paes said the cause was not yet known, but that it was likely "structural problems" that led to the fall of a 20-story building, a 10-story building and a smaller edifice of three or four floors.

Health Secretary Sousa Aguiar said the office buildings would have been largely deserted during the night-time collapse.

The race was on to locate and rescue possible survivors.

Civil defense teams in-



spected nearby buildings, including a nine-story structure on an adjacent street that was evacuated as a precaution.

A mountain of rubble filled the street, and thick dust covered nearby cars. The tallest building had housed several law offices, and construction work was being carried out on two separate floors.

Police spokesman Rodrigo Pimentel told reporters that "illegal" work had been taking place in the tallest high-rise.

AFP photo shows firefighter looking for victims in the area where three buildings collapsed.

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Health & Living

New disease hits Dutch, German livestock

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A new livestock disease causing deformities at birth has been detected in at least five European countries, including the Netherlands and Germany, a Dutch agriculture ministry spokesman said Thursday.

"It has been detected on 76 farms in the Netherlands, mainly among sheep, but also goats and cattle," Coen Gelinck said, adding that the Schmallenberg virus was also spotted in Germany, Belgium and Britain.

France also reported its first case on Thursday.

Named after the the German town where it was first detected in November, Schmallenberg affected 51 German farms mainly in the North Rhine-Westphalia state, the German Friedrich-Loeffler Institute for animal health research said.

Across the border in eastern France authorities said Schmallenberg had been detected for the first time on a sheep farm in Lorraine and suspect cases elsewhere were being investigated.

The disease, believed to be carried by gnats, causes fever and diarrhoea among adult animals and cannot be transmitted from one animal to another, said Gelinck. There is presently no vaccine for Schmallenberg.

The disease however can be transmitted to sheep, goat and cattle embryos leading to still births or deformities causing death soon after birth, the spokesman said.

"This is a virus similar to others previously detected in Australia and South America," the spokesman for a Dutch federation representing agriculture, cattle and flower farmers, Jack Luiten told AFP.

"Until now there are many indications that the virus cannot be transmitted to humans," Luiten added.

Dutch farmers have been ordered to report all birth de-

formities to authorities since December 20.

Germany's food, agriculture and consumer protection ministry said it would by "late March" set up a system of mandatory reporting after approval by the German senate.

Earlier this week in Brussels, Germany argued for a similar system to be set up at the European level.

Moscow in mid-January suspended sheep and goat imports from the Netherlands because of the disease. Dutch meat exports to Russia are regarded as "marginal", Gelinck said.

China and Argentina asked for more information on the virus in mid-January, he added.

High blood pressure(hypertension)

High blood pressure is a common condition in which the force of the blood against your artery walls is high enough that it may eventually cause health problems.

You can have high blood pressure (hypertension) for years without any symptoms. Uncontrolled high blood pressure increases your risk of serious health problems, including heart attack and stroke. Ask your doctor for a blood pressure reading at least every years starting at age 18. He or she will likely recommend more frequent readings if you've already been diagnosed with high blood pressure or other risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Children age 3 and older will usually have their blood pressure measured as a part of their yearly check-ups. Lifestyle changes can help you control and prevent high blood pressure — even if you're taking blood pressure medication. Here's what you can do:

***Eat healthy foods. Try the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet, which emphasizes fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy foods. Get plenty of potassium, which can help prevent and control high blood pressure. Eat less saturated fat and total fat.**

***Decrease the salt in your diet.**

***Maintain a healthy weight.**

***Increase physical activity.**

***Limit alcohol.**

***Don't smoke.**

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Oral HPV infections more common in men: study



oral warts from HPV-infection in the mouth

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Mouth and throat infections of human papillomavirus, the most common sexually transmitted disease which can lead to cancer, are more common among men than women, said a US study on Thursday.

Almost seven percent of the US population age 14-69 has oral HPV, said the research in the Journal of the American Medical Association, with a prevalence rate of 10.1 percent among men and 3.6 percent

among women.

The findings shed more light on a growing epidemic of HPV-linked head and neck cancers which are expected to eclipse cervical cancer cases by 2020, and could warrant clinical trials of an HPV vaccine against oral lesions, the study authors said.

Currently the HPV vaccine is recommended for girls and boys as early as age nine and 10 to prevent cervical and anal cancers and genital warts.

The study included 5,579 people who took part in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2009-2010, and who agreed to a 30-second oral rinse test at a mobile examination center.

Oral HPV was found to be more prevalent among people who had more lifetime or recent sex partners, and was also more frequent in current smokers, heavy alcohol drinkers and among former and current marijuana users.

Peak rates of oral HPV among men were seen at age 60-64, with 11.4 percent of cases in that age range. The next highest oral HPV prevalence was seen in men age 30-34.

According to lead author Maura Gillison of the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, the data suggests that sex -- not casual contact or kissing -- is likely the cause of the oral HPV infections that researchers saw.

Oral cancers have "significantly increased over the last three decades in several countries and HPV has been directly implicated as the underlying cause," according to background information in the article.

Gillison, who has been studying HPV and cancer for 15 years, told a US science conference last year that when comparing people who have oral HPV to those who do not, "the single greatest factor is the number of partners on whom the person has performed oral sex."

People with oral HPV infections are 50 times more likely to get oral cancer than people who do not have HPV.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPV is so common that 50 percent of people who have sex will get it at some point in their lives.

While as many as 100 strains of HPV exist, most are cleared by the body on its own, though a handful can linger and lead to cancer.

About one percent of the population is believed to carry HPV 16, which is linked to 85 percent of HPV-related head and neck cancers.

Researchers have found a 225-percent increase in oral cancer cases in the United States from 1974 to 2007, mainly among white men.

HPV is linked to almost 13,000 cases of cervical cancer yearly in US women, 4,300 of which are fatal. Researchers expect the number of oral cancer cases will surpass the number of cervical cancer cases in the next eight years.

The JAMA study was funded in part by the pharmaceutical giant Merck, which makes a vaccine against HPV.

Merck's Gardasil was approved for girls and women from age nine to 26 in June 2006 and for males in the same age range in October 2009.

Even though studies have shown that vaccines can be effective in preventing HPV genital infections, it may be decades before any potential benefit is seen in reducing the rates of HPV-related cancers, said an accompanying editorial by Hans Schlecht of Drexel University College of Medicine.

"Clinicians should encourage their patients who engage in oral sex to use barrier protection," he wrote.





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Davos call for global action against cybercrime

(AFP) - International action to snuff out cybercrime is desperately needed, officials and business leaders said here, warning that criminals move at Internet speed while countries drag their feet.

Many hackers are no longer just mischievous individuals.

Instead well-funded organisations do it for profit, along with spies and terrorists, but many governments are struggling to fight it.

"Many countries don't have laws to criminalise cyber crime, they don't have means and tools to investigate, to share information," said Yuri Fedotov, who heads the United Nations office on drugs and crime.

Cybercrime is "interconnected in terms of crime, but not interconnected in collaboration" against it, he added, noting that there is not even an agreement on what constitutes cybercrime.

Fedotov said his greatest wish would be "to get a clear definition of cybercrime -- to

be clear about what should be rejected by member states and what should be allowed."

"Criminals move at the speed of Internet and countries move at speed of democracy - that's the discrepancy," warned Moises Naim, senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

In one of the major recent attacks in January, a hacker brought down the websites of Israel's national carrier El Al and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

It marked the latest incident in a series of attacks only days into 2012, which saw details of tens of thousands of Israeli credit cards posted online and websites defaced by hackers claiming to be from Saudi Arabia or Gaza.

Kevin Johnson, chief executive officer at the US-based Internet infrastructure provider Juniper Networks, urged state authorities to work with private organisations to clamp down on such crime.

Sci-Tech

Suriname forest reveals 46 new species



Katydid (*Copiphora longicauda*) observed during Conservation International's Rapid Assessment Program in south-west Suriname in August and September 2010.

PARAMARIBO (AFP) - A "cowboy frog" and a "crayola katydid" are among 46 new species that have been discovered in the dense forests of the tiny South American nation of Suriname, scientists said this week.

The caramel-colored frog displays white fringes along its back legs and a spur on its heels, while the unusual katydid earned its nickname from the striking hues on its body and wings.

Other discoveries included a two-inch (five-centimeter) catfish, and larger catfish covered with a spiny armor to protect it against predators in the piranha-filled river.

The findings were made by an expedition of international scientists, indigenous people and university students as part of a three-week river expedition organized by Conservation International.

The journey took them along the Koetari and Sipaliwini rivers, where they also found intriguing new rock carvings, or petroglyphs, along the border with southern neighbor Brazil.

"As a scientist it's exciting to do research in such remote areas where countless new discoveries await you," said Trond Larsen, director of the Rapid Assessment Program survey for Conservation Inter-

national.

The petroglyphs were found on caves near the Trio village of Kwamalasamutu, a site that Conservation International is helping local communities preserve as an ecotourism destination.

In 2000, Werehpai cave petroglyphs were discovered in the same area and scientists believe it is the oldest known human settlement found in southern Suriname.

Radiocarbon dating and archaeological studies suggest that the first signs of habitation go back at least 5,000 years.

According to Conservation International Suriname director Annette Tjon Sie-Fat, the findings will play a vital role in preserving and managing the area as a cultural heritage site and as a unique destination for tourists.

The environmental group hopes the Suriname government will develop laws to protect the country's biodiversity, in order to preserve untouched areas and prevent them from being given away as concessions for mining or timber.

In 2007 a similar expedition in Suriname resulted in the discovery of 24 new animal species.

Novel material takes 3D 'invisibility cloak' a step closer



A US F-18 jet fighter lands aboard an aircraft carrier in the Arabian sea in 2010.

(AFP) - Scientists in the United States reported a further step towards a celebrated "invisibility cloak" by masking a large, free-standing object in three dimensions.

The lab work is the latest advance in a scientific frontier that uses novel materials to manipulate light, a trick that is of huge interest to the military in particular.

Reporting in the New Journal of Physics, researchers at the University of Texas in Austin cloaked an 18-centimetre (7.2-inch) cylindrical tube from light in the microwave part of the energy spectrum.

Those hoping for a Harry

Potter-style touch of wizardry would be disappointed. To the human eye, which can only perceive light in higher frequencies, no invisibility would have been seen.

But, say the researchers, the experiment is important

proof of a principle that so-called plasmonic meta-materials can achieve a cloaking effect.

A warplane cloaked with such materials could achieve "super-stealth" status by becoming invisible in all directions to radar microwaves, said co-lead investigator Andrea Alu.

Plasmonic meta-materials are composites of metal and non-conductive synthetics made of nanometre-sized structures that are far smaller than the wavelength of the light that strikes them.

As a result, when incoming photons hit the material, they

excite currents that make the light waves scatter.

The new experiment entailed making a shell of plasmonic meta-materials and placing the cylinder inside, and exposing the combination to microwaves.

Microwaves scattered by the shell ran into microwaves bounced from the object, preventing them sending a return signal to the viewer.

The new concept could be modified for visible light, although any cloaked objects would be very small, in the micrometer range, as the plasmonic effect is linked to the wavelength of the light, Alu said in a phone interview.

Even so, there could be important applications for microwave meta-materials, he said.

Another outlet would be in laboratories, filtering out the "backscatter" of light from the tip of high-powered optical microscopes. Unwanted light such as this impairs images of the object that is being scrutinised, and skews measurements.

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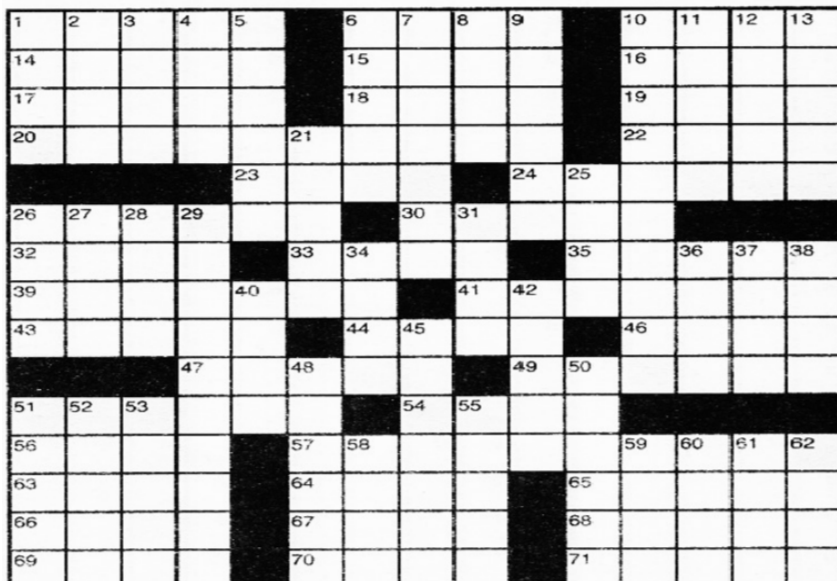
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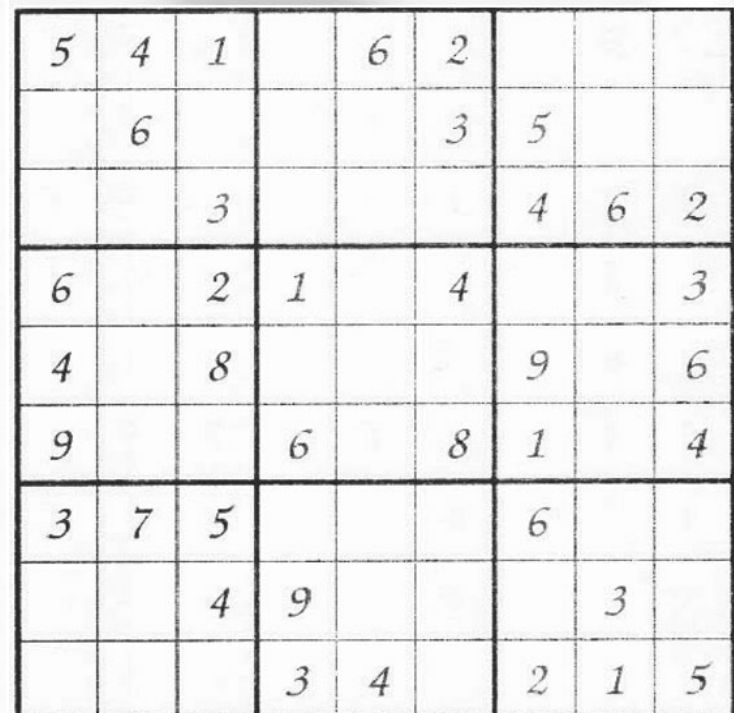
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Finance

Nokia 2011 results deep in red despite new Lumia line

HELSINKI (AFP) - World-leading mobile phone maker Nokia yesterday posted deep 2011 losses amid slumping handset sales and as its first Windows-based smartphone, aimed at shoring up its flagging market share, struggled to get off the ground.

For all of 2011, the company posted a net loss of 1.2 billion euros (\$1.5 billion), compared to a net profit of 1.8 billion euros a year earlier, while the final quarter of the year was hammered with a 1.07-billion-euro net loss after a profit of 745 million in the same period a year earlier.

Net sales for the October-December period meanwhile

slumped 21 percent year-on-year to 10.0 billion euros, while sales for the full year were down nine percent at 38.66 billion euros.

The massive fall was nonetheless largely in line with, and even slightly better than analyst expectations, and Nokia's stock initially jumped nearly six percent after its earnings were made public.

Several analysts hinted the boost to its stock may in part have been a correction to the hammering it received earlier this week when two suppliers issued weak reports.

At the closing bell yesterday, the mobile phone giant was trading 2.66 percent

higher on a Helsinki stock exchange up 2.33 percent.

Nokia chief executive Stephen Elop, who has been leading the company through a major restructuring, described the fourth quarter results as "a significant step in Nokia's transformation."

Elop, who last February announced the phasing out of Symbian as Nokia's smartphone platform in favour of a partnership with Microsoft, said he was pleased with the fourth quarter launch of its first phones on the Microsoft platform -- the Nokia Lumia 800 and the Nokia Lumia 710 -- seen as do-or-die for the company.

Brazil jobless rate hits new low at 4.7 percent

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil's jobless rate fell to 4.7 percent in December, the lowest since records began in 2002 in the emerging South American economic power, officials said yesterday.

The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics said the December rate compared with 5.2 percent in November

and 5.3 percent in December 2010. The drop in unemployment occurred even though the pace of job creation began to slow as the economy sputtered in late 2011.

The institute said the annual jobless rate for 2011 stood at 6.0 percent, the lowest since 2002.

Earlier this month, IBGE

said consumer prices rose 6.5 percent in 2011, reaching the upper limit of the government inflation target and the highest hike since 2004.

Gross domestic product in the world's sixth biggest economy expanded less than three percent last year, sharply lower than the 7.5 percent recorded in 2010.

Mexico's Calderon calls for 'bazooka' to halt EU crisis

DAVOS (AFP) - Mexican President Felipe Calderon yesterday urged Europe to "bring out the bazooka immediately" to resolve the debt crisis and prevent it from sinking Italy and Spain.

"It is necessary to bring out the bazooka immediately,

before the gunpowder gets wet," said Calderon, who holds the rotating chair of G20 world powers.

He also called on the European Union to "create a firewall to prevent Europe's third and fourth largest economies from falling," and

to halt the contagion from spreading across the world.

"Don't forget that we are in the same boat. It is not just a question of a possible implosion of the euro, but a crisis across the world," warned Calderon.

"The more we create confidence, the less we need money. The more money we put up, the less money we need" to service the debt, he noted.

For the Mexican president, it is therefore "indispensable to reinforce ... IMF and European rescue funds."

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US new-home sales suffer worst year

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Sales of new homes in the United States skidded in December, bringing to a close the worst year on record, the Commerce Department reported yesterday.

Only 302,000 new houses were sold during the year, the lowest level in records dating to 1963, as a tsunami of foreclosures, high unemployment and tight mortgage lending has kept buyers sidelined since the housing price bubble burst in 2006.

After two months on the rise, sales fell further in December, down 2.2 percent from November, the Commerce Department said.

Prices also fell: The median sales price of new homes plunged 7.3 percent from November, to \$210,300.

The industry slump has kept builders from building, so that the stock of new houses on the market has also fallen to just 157,000 units -- down 0.6 percent from November and a whopping 17.4 percent from a year earlier.

The decline in new-home sales came in contrast to a sharp rise in sales of previously occupied homes in De-

cember, the third month of gains in the much bigger sector of the housing market.

"The inventory is continuing to disappear as there are a falling number of spec homes on the market," he added.

Despite the low inventory, at the current sales pace, it would take 6.1 months to exhaust the supply.

The Federal Reserve repeatedly has blamed the depressed housing market and persistently high unemployment for holding back the economy's recovery from recession, and has moved to push down mortgage interest rates to record lows in hopes of stimulating home buying.

In early January the Fed sent a white paper on housing to Congress which identified the glut of foreclosed homes around the country as a key damper on prices, blocking recovery of the sector.

It proposed that property owners such as banks turn foreclosed houses into rentals, noting that there had been an uptick in rental demand "as families who are unable or unwilling to purchase homes are renting properties instead."

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This weekend big party at Café Rembrandt

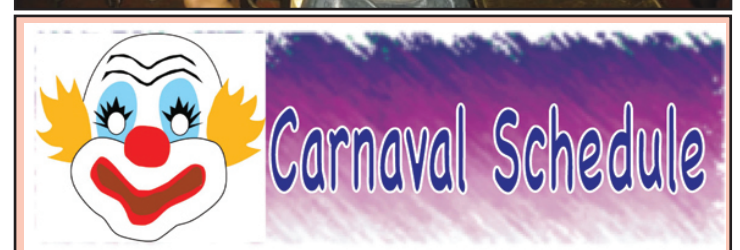


Last Friday, everyone had a blast at Café Rembrandt. Local band 'JEMM' entertained patrons until the wee hours.

Tonight, the party goes on with Dushi Band, as a warming up for Carnival. They will start at approximately 11:00 PM. This is a local Top Act and it will be party time. As usual there will be no entrance fee.

Sunday February 5th we will be in Super Bowl mood, both at Café Rembrandt as well as in Da Vinci Ristorante Italiano. The game will be shown on several TV's as well as on our BIG screen.

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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

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Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for

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Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what



Rosie and Aaron love their burger too



Gouda Burger 2

they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are

made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit



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Football: Prosecutors arrest Swiss club Xamax's owner

GENEVA (AFP) - Prosecutors on Thursday said they arrested the owner of Swiss football club Neuchatel Xamax, Chechen businessman Bulat Chagaev, after the team filed for bankruptcy.

Chagaev was taken into custody by Geneva cantonal prosecutor Yves Bertossa.

His provisional arrest was ordered after a hearing held Thursday afternoon.

Another hearing was scheduled for Friday, the justice department prosecutor's office said, explaining that he was remanded for mismanagement but that it would not comment further.

Chagaev's lawyer Jacques Barillon said in a statement

there were insufficient grounds to detain his client and that he would seek bail for him on Friday.

In filing for bankruptcy the club's board said in a statement it made the decision due to the withdrawal of the club's licence and its financial situation.

"The board also decided to immediately release the players from their obligations," it said.

Chagaev said in separate statement made before his arrest he would submit an explanation for the decision to Geneva canton prosecutor Bertossa.

Xamax were left out of this week's Swiss Super League's

championship race due to Chagaev's actions, the SFL said on January 18.

Chagaev, 51, bought Xamax in May 2011 from its former president Sylvio Bernasconi, for an estimated 1.2 million Swiss francs (one million euros).

Among the accusations he faces are failing to pay his players for several months and not paying payroll taxes.

The disciplinary committee of the SFL also cited a probe into allegations Chagaev submitted a falsified bank document to prove his solvency during a bankruptcy trial.

The action was the latest in a series of actions taken by the football authorities against the club.

Last month, the SFL docked Xamax four points for breaches of licensing rules and reported the club to its disciplinary committee.

In November it imposed a fine of 20,000 Swiss francs for failing to provide "information and financial documents" following Chagaev's takeover.

Baseball: Cuban outfielder Cespedes declared free agent



NEW YORK (AFP) - Yoenis Cespedes, a 26-year-old Cuban outfielder who has established residency in the Dominican Republic, has been declared a free agent by Major League Baseball in a note sent to all 30 clubs.

Cespedes, who defected last year from his Caribbean Communist island homeland, established residency in the Dominican Republic, a typical first step for past Cuban defectors who have wanted to become major league free agents.

Should they establish US residency, their playing rights

would be subject to being decided in the Major League Baseball Draft.

By taking the path he did, Cespedes sets the stage for what figures to be an intense bidding war that could bring him more than the \$30.25 million over six years that the Cincinnati Reds gave Cuban pitcher Aroldis Chapman in 2010.

Cespedes' agent must handle the paperwork to allow him to sign a major league contract before he can make a deal with a club.

Among the teams Cespedes says have shown interest in signing him ahead of next month's start to pre-season workouts are the Miami Marlins, Baltimore Orioles, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians.

Cespedes batted .333 with 33 home runs, drove in 99 runs and stole 11 bases in 90 games in Cuba in the 2010-2011 season and hit .143 with one homer in a short Dominican League stint this season.



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Thousands say goodbye to Paterno at funeral procession



STATE COLLEGE (AFP) - Penn State University American football coaching legend Joe Paterno was buried on Wednesday after a funeral procession that was watched by thousands of supporters.

Paterno, the winningest coach in college gridiron history with 409 triumphs, died from lung cancer on Sunday at age 85 after having been fired last November in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse scandal.

The school board of trustees fired Paterno last November, contending he did not do enough when told about an

allegation that assistant coach Sandusky molested a 10-year-old boy in a locker room shower.

Paterno said later that he regretted not having done more than pass along the information to university officials. Soon after his firing, he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

Sandusky, on the Penn State staff from 1969 through 1999, is facing a trial after being accused of more than 50 counts of molesting 10 boys over an 11-year period. He has denied the charges.

Paterno's legend and legacy in a 45-year head coaching ca-

reer, including two US college crowns, was remembered in recent days in the wake of his death, with remembrances left at his statue outside the Nittany Lions' home stadium.

A public memorial service tribute to Paterno will be staged on Thursday at the school's 16,000-seat basketball arena.

But on Wednesday, a funeral procession from a private family service at the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center was made to his burial site at Pine Hall Cemetery, his hearse passing through the town at the heart of an area

known as "Happy Valley".

"Everybody here feels like they have a hole in the heart," said Nancy Sopko, a nurse who like several generations of her family attended Penn State. "Joe Paterno was Penn State."

As the hearse passed Beaver Stadium, students displayed a banner declaring "We are because you were."

Bill O'Brien, offensive coordinator for the NFL's New England Patriots, signed a five-year deal earlier this month to replace Paterno at Penn State once he is done directing the Patriots' attack in next month's Super Bowl.

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Nadal beats Federer in Aussie Open thriller



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland

SYDNEY (AFP) - Rafael Nadal once again proved Roger Federer's grand slam nemesis on Thursday, withstanding a withering opening from the Swiss great to reach the final of the Australian Open.

The Spaniard won 6-7 (5/7), 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 to prolong the agony for his greatest rival, who has now lost eight times to the Spaniard in 10 grand slam meetings and has not beaten him in the majors since Wimbledon 2007.

The Swiss 16-time grand slam winner was left a weeping wreck when Nadal remorselessly ground him down in 2009's nail-biting five-set final in Melbourne but failed in his bid for revenge under the lights on Rod Laver Arena.

"It's a real honour to play against Roger, it was a fantastic match. It's fantastic to have one player in front of you who doesn't make mistakes, having a totally complete game."

Nadal, who has won 10 grand slams, now goes on to meet either defending champion Novak Djokovic or Britain's Andy Murray in Sunday's final.

Federer produced flawless tennis at the start of the match but his game unravelled when put under pressure by Nadal and he finished with 63 unforced errors.

Unleashing his full arsenal, four-time Australian Open champion Federer held serve to love and broke the Spaniard at his first opportunity with a devastating cross-court backhand with Nadal struggling to gain a foothold.

Nadal broke back but third seed Federer raised his game again after his mid-set wobble and he took the tie-break when Nadal went long.

The players swapped service breaks at the start of the second set but the turning

point came when Nadal held off a Federer break point in the fifth game and then broke the Swiss in the very next game to move ahead 4-2.

The match was suspended for 10 minutes for Australia Day fireworks with Nadal leading 5-2 and when play resumed Federer badly lost his focus, losing 11 consecutive points on top of straight three points he lost before the break.

Nadal, 25, levelled the match at one set apiece, took the first game of set three to love and held three break points after two consecutive Federer double faults, only for the misfiring Swiss to claw himself out of the hole.

Federer, 30, battled hard to break Nadal in game seven of the third set but the Spaniard broke back immediately to level things up and Nadal went on to take the tie-break on his sixth set point.

A tense fourth set went with serve with Nadal looking mentally the stronger, continuing to chase down balls from seemingly impossible situations.

He saved a break point from Federer in the eighth game and broke the Swiss in the following game.

But the Spaniard still had to fight hard to serve out for victory, saving two Federer break points, including an astonishing retrieval onto the baseline which the Swiss then wafted wide.

Federer, seeking his first grand slam win in two years, had not dropped a set until Thursday's semi-final but Nadal, who now leads their overall series 18-9, once again proved he has the edge over Federer on the biggest stage.

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Aruban son, Joshua John to Play for FC Twente



Professional player, the 23 year old Aruban, Joshua John, will be playing for FC Twente for the next two and a half years. During the past "winter stop" the Enschede club finalized an agreement with Sparta. John remarked, "for me this is a fantastic transfer." He said that FC Twente had been observing him for a long time now. And, says he... "I really want to play for them." Joshua John is best known for his swiftness.

At the beginning of the season, the Ingles Swansea Club also showed interest in Joshua John. There were other international offers, but John felt that he is still too young to embark on those at this time. He is convinced that FC Twente will help him mature and develop more. After his first training session he said that he was very astonished at the high

level of training. John said, "...I knew that this would be on a high level, but I did not expect it to be this high. I am going to play with lots of energy and dedication, but I know I will need a period to adjust to it all."

Everyone expected trainer Steve McLaren to give John some time to get accustomed

before he makes his debut. But to the surprise of everyone, the coach placed John immediately on the bench in the competitive game against RKC (5-0). In the honor division FC Twente is in third place behind AZ and PSV and has qualified for the next round in the European League. Joshua John made his debut for Sparta in Mya 2007. Prior to this he played for RKC Waalwijk, AZ and Ajax.

Aruba and the government is very pleased with this announcement. Here is yet another Aruban son who is excelling internationally. This fills us all with much pride and rejoicing.

Aruban sons are placing the name of Aruba high on the world map. Pabien Joshua, we wish you all the best with the FC Twente Club!

Prome Minister Mike Eman ta hopi contento cu e bon noticia aki. Un otro Arubiano cu ta sobresali den exterior. "Esaki mester yena cada di nos cu inmenso orguyo. Aruba su yiu nan ta destaca hibando asina e number di nos isla dilanti den mundo. Pabien na Joshua y mi deseonan di hopi exito p'e y su club FC Twente".

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